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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELIEF IN EGYPT

REF: STATE 217895 (TOSEC 37), PEKING 1381 (SECTO 119)
FOR ASST SECY SISCO

1. AS YOU KNOW, SECRETARY HAS APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL FUND IN US-OWNED EXCESS EGYPTIAN POUNDS EQUIVALENT TO 500,000 DOLLARS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF IN EGYPT (HALF FOR ICRC AND HALF FOR EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT). INASMUCH AS SECRETARY DID NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH EGYPTIANS IN CAIRO, GOE ATTITUDE REMAINS TO BE ASCERTAINED. WE REQUEST YOUR CLEARANCE FOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE WE PROPOSE SENDING TO USINT CAIRO, INFO GENEVA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS NOTED STATE 217895, WE ALREADY HAVE INDICATIONS FROM OMB IT WILL APPROVE ALLOCATION US-OWNED EGYPTIAN POUNDS EQUIVALENT TO 500,000 DOLLARS FOR ICRC AND EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT. WE PLAN ALSO TO REQUEST FROM OMB ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS EQUIVALENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS VO RESPOND TO ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL AND US VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR RELIEF EFFORTS IN EGYPT. DEPT ASSUMES
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THAT USE OF US-OWNED EGYPTIAN POUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES IS AGREEABLE TO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. REQUEST USINT ASCERTAIN GOE ATTITUDE AND INFORM DEPT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY. (THESE SUMS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 200,000

DOLLARS MADE AVAILABLE TO ICRC.) END TEXT RUSH

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